(c) and (d) No specific instance of deviation from the prevailing distribution margins has come to the notice of the Government.

PROPOSALS OF GIST BROCADES COMPANY FOR PENICILLIN MANUFACTURE

3058. SHRI N. GIRI PRASAD : SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA: SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR SAHU :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Gist Brocades of Holland had submitted proposals for up-gradation of Penicillin Manufacture at Hindustan Antibiotics Ltd. ;

(b) what is the status of this proposal;

(c) whether this proposal would result in foreign exchange savings; and

(d) if so, what is the standing of this company in this product to be manufactured ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ELECTRONICS AND DEPARTMENT OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO) : (a) to (d) No, Sir. M|s. Max GO which is a joint venture of Max (India) Ltd. and the Gist Brocades of Holland amongst others, have indicated their interest in collaborating with HAL for production of Penicillin. However, no formal proposal as such has been received by the company.

DECONTROL POLICY OVER ALCOHOL AND MOLASSES

3059. SHRI MAHENDRA PRASAD : SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE :

SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that various State laws were found incompatible with the decontrol policy over alcohol and molasses; if so, the details in this regard; and

(b) what steps have been taken to make the laws compatible with the said policy ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ELECTRONICS AND DEPARTMENT OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO) (a) and (b) In a meeting of Excise Ministers held on 4-11-93, it was felt that State laws and procedures need to be reviewed to bring them in line with the policy of decontrol over alcohol and molasses. The Conference set up a Group of State Excise Ministers under the Chairmanship of Chief Minister, Karnataka for this purpose.

RECONSTITUTION OF THE BOARD OF PARADIP PHOSPHATES LTD.

3060. SHRI PRAVAT KUMAR SAMANTARAY : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state : Whether it is a fact that the Paradip Phosphates Ltd. Board is being considered for reconstitution after this undertaking is fully owned by Government of India; if so, what are the details thereof.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ELECTRONICS AND DEPARTMENT OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO) : It has been decided to induct a representative of the

State Government of Orissa on the Board of Directors of Paradeep Phosphates Ltd. (PPL.)

SSI UNIT'S UNDER "LEADER PRICE CONCEPT"

3061. SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Small Scale Sector in the drug industry has represented against the extension of the "LEADER PRICE CONCEPT" to its products;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the well-organised and well-knit large scale pharmaceutical industriy is behind this move to harm the SSI Units;

(c) what is Government's reaction to the concerned move to bring SSI Units under the "LEADER PRICE CONCEPT";

(d) what would be adverse fall-out on SSI Units by such policy moves; and

(e) whether the SSI Units have been called for a meeting on this matter ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ELECTRONICS AND DEPARTMENT OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO) : (a) to (e) The SSI sector has represented that they should be allowed to enjoy exemption from price control and have represented against the concept of ceiling prices. This matter forms part of the review of Drug Policy 1986 on which a discussion has already taken place in the House on the 18th, 19th and 23rd August, 1993.

LEGAL AFFAIRS OF MALLAYA GROUP OF COMPANIES

3062. PROF. I. G. SANADI : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 407 given in Rajya Sabha on 29th April, 1993 and state :

(a) whether Government have asked Calcutta High Court and Bombay Court to expedite decisions in case of two Mallaya Group of companies as heavy stakes are involved;

(b) the reasons for what his Ministry have not been able to consult Department of Legal Affairs and resolve the tie up issue between Carews and Mallaya Group of companies;

(c) whether it is a fact the instead of taking action against the concerned, Government are shielding these companies; and

(d) what are reasons for delay on both these issues and by when the decisions are expected ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ELECTRONICS AND DEPARTMENT OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO) : (a) and (b) According to the advice received from the Deptt. of Company Affairs, M|s Carews is inter-connected with the U. B. Group. The matter of M|s. Carews is Subjudice. In the case of M|s. Hoechst, action has been initiated in compliance of the orders of the Bombay High Court.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

SUBSIDY AND PRODUCTION OF FERTILIZERS

3063. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA :
SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY :
SHRI SARAD MOHANTY :
SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY :